

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment and reconsideration of the claims. Applicants submit that the Amendment is now in the proper format.

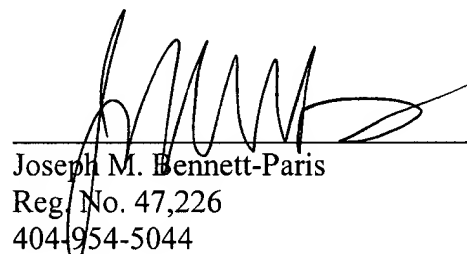
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants believe that all claims as currently pending are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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